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**Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Appropriations**

This morning, by a vote of 78-20, the Senate passed a Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the government operating through December 11, 2015. The CR will continue Federal funding to Planned Parenthood, despite repeated opposition from anti-abortion lawmakers and outside groups.

The House approved the CR this afternoon by a vote of 277-151, after also passing a separate enrollment resolution that would modify the bill and defund Planned Parenthood. This procedure allows the “clean” CR to move to the President's desk for his signature, even if the Senate defeats the enrollment resolution, as is expected. President Obama has said he will sign the CR into law.

Next on the horizon, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) plans to force Democrats to vote on whether to filibuster taking up other individual FY 2016 appropriation bills ahead of any broader budget deal. Immediately after passing the CR, McConnell filed cloture on a motion to proceed to the FY 2016 Military Construction-VA Appropriations bill. Democrats are expected to block the measure, along with any other FY 2016 appropriations bills McConnell tries to bring up, until they negotiate a broad budget deal with Republicans and the White House to raise discretionary spending caps.

Yesterday, McConnell confirmed that he and outgoing House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) have had a conversation with President Obama about launching budget negotiations, and McConnell said he would like to fashion a two-year budget agreement with the White House that sets new top line spending levels for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

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